

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT
UCSB CAMPUS, PARKING LOT 32, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
JULY 21, 2026**

In-person meeting

**UCSB Campus, Parking Lot 32
Santa Barbara, CA 93106
(District Office)**

**TELECONFERENCE LOCATION
Director Thomas
21134 US Highway 281 #105
San Antonio, TX 78261**

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for this meeting was posted in the display case outside the administrative office of the Goleta West Sanitary District and on the District's website at least 72 hours in advance of this regular meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Zhu called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

2. ROLL CALL: BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Margaret Zhu

Craig Geyer

Eva Turenychalk

Bill Rosen

Robert Thomas (attended remotely at the above location)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Joseph Hilliard – General Manager

Jena Acos – District Counsel

Kristyn Lopez – Office Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Dean Nevins – Director, Goleta Sanitary District

3. APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

No changes were made to the order of the agenda.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment presented at this time.

5. GENERAL MANAGER UPDATES

General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report on the status of the Headquarters Building Improvements Project and other management updates.

6. LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATES

Legal Counsel provided an update on AB 1821 and its proposed changes to the California Public Records Act governing public records requests.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

(26-07-41)

Upon a motion by Director Geyer, seconded by Director Turenchalk, the Board approved the Consent Calendar, as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Turenchalk, Thomas, Zhu, Rosen, Geyer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 7, 2026**
- b. RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL MANAGER'S OPERATIONS REPORT FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 7, 2026**
- c. RECEIVE AND FILE ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 7, 2026**
- d. AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 32nd ANNUAL GOLETA LEMON FESTIVAL**
- e. PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT**

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS

8. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-850 ADOPTING THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE REPORT, DETERMINING EACH CHARGE DESCRIBED IN SAID REPORT AND DIRECTING THE DELIVERY THEREOF TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

(26-07-42)

The General Manager introduced this item. Director Zhu opened Public Hearing at 5:43 PM. There being no members of the public, the Hearing closed at 5:44 PM. Upon motion by Director Geyer, seconded by Director Rosen, the Board adopted Resolution No. 26-850 to

place GWSD sewer charges on the FY 2026-27 SB County Tax Roll by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rosen, Zhu, Geyer, Turenchalk, Thomas
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

9. **SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT (SEP): SANTA BARBARA COUNTY POINT OF ENTRY (POE)/POINT OF USE (POU) PILOT PROJECT QUARTERLY REPORT NO. 2 (2026Q2)**

(26-07-43)

General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report. The Ad Hoc Committee reviewed the report on July 14, 2026. Upon a motion by Director Turenchalk, seconded by Director Thomas, the Board approved staff to submit the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP): Santa Barbara County Point of Entry (POE)/Point of Use (POU) Pilot Project Quarterly Report No. 2 (2026Q2) to the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board by the August 1, 2026, deadline, as presented, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rosen, Zhu, Geyer, Turenchalk, Thomas
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

10. **CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 008: CE #011 FOR THE GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT #13-04 PHASE 2 – ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

(26-07-44)

General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report. Upon a motion by Director Turenchalk, seconded by Director Zhu, the Board approved the Change Order No. 008: CE #011 – Boardroom Dais & Finishes Changes for the GWSD Headquarters Building Improvement Project #13-04 Phase 2 – New Administration Building, in the amount of \$108,267.00 due to interior construction finish changes, Board Room dais construction, and interior casework in the proposed file storage room as presented, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rosen, Zhu, Geyer, Turenchalk, Thomas
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

11. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF OFFICE FURNITURE PURCHASE FOR THE GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT #13-04 PHASE 2 – ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

(26-07-45)

General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report. Upon a motion by Director Turenchalk, seconded by Director Geyer, the Board approved the purchase of office furniture for the

Goleta West Sanitary District Headquarters Building Improvements Project #13-04 Phase 2 Administration Building by approving Quote No. 251080 from G/M Business Interiors in the amount of \$67,978.92, as presented, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rosen, Zhu, Geyer, Turenchalk, Thomas
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

12. **CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDERS TOTALING \$96,366.65 FOR THE BIOSOLIDS AND ENERGY STRATEGIC PLAN PROJECT (BESP) SUBMITTED BY GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT**

(26-07-46)

General Manager Joseph Hilliard presented the report. Upon a motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Turenchalk, the Board authorized the General Manager to submit a letter to the Goleta Sanitary District (GSD) approving the two change orders for the Biosolids and Energy Strategic Plan (BESP) Project, totaling \$96,366.65. The letter shall include Goleta West Sanitary District's cost share of 40.78%, in the amount of \$39,298.32, for payment to MNS and Gateway Pacific Contractors. The motion was approved as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rosen, Zhu, Geyer, Turenchalk, Thomas
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

13. **CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER, IN COORDINATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT COMMENTS REGARDING THE CITY OF GOLETA LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM**

(26-07-47)

General Manager Joseph Hilliard presented the report. Upon a motion by Director Turenchalk, seconded by Director Geyer, the Board authorized the General Manager, in coordination with legal counsel and the Management Committee, to prepare and review comments on the draft City of Goleta Local Coastal Program and return to the Board with the proposed comments for review and approval. The motion was approved as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rosen, Zhu, Geyer, Turenchalk, Thomas
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

(26-07-48)

Upon a motion by Director Geyer, seconded by Director Turenchalk, the Board approved reconsideration of the previously approved motion for Item No. 13. The motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rosen, Zhu, Geyer, Turenchalk, Thomas
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

(26-07-49)

Upon a motion by Director Geyer, seconded by Director Turenchalk, the Board authorized the General Manager, in coordination with legal counsel and the Management Committee, to prepare and submit comments regarding the draft City of Goleta Local Coastal Program, as presented by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rosen, Zhu, Geyer, Turenchalk, Thomas
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

14. COMMUNICATIONS

Received.

15. REPORTS

A. Operations Report – July 1, 2026 – July 14, 2026

No Questions.

B. CANCELED – City of Goleta Council Meeting – July 7, 2026

C. EMID Board Meeting – July 8, 2026

No report provided.

D. CANCELED – Goleta Water District Board Meeting – July 14, 2026

E. Santa Barbara Airport Commission Meeting – July 15, 2026

Director Thomas provided a report.

F. Goleta Slough Management Committee Meeting – July 16, 2026

General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report.

G. Goleta Sanitary District Board Meeting – July 20, 2026

Director Geyer provided a report.

H. City of Goleta Council Meeting – July 21, 2026

No report provided.

I. Other Reports

None.

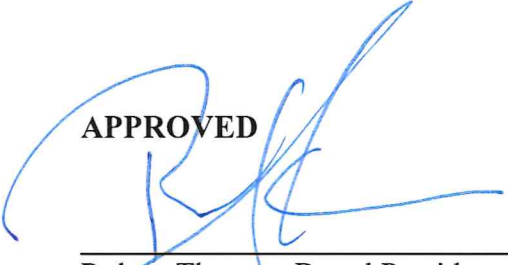
16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Thomas requested that the next agenda include a discussion of GSD capital projects, including current projects, potential future projects such as anticipated phosphorus reduction requirements, and the GWSD Force Main Action Plan. General Manager Joseph Hilliard stated that he intends to present his performance evaluation during Closed Session at the next Board meeting. Director Geyer requested that the performance evaluation first be reviewed by the Personnel Committee prior to being presented to the Board.

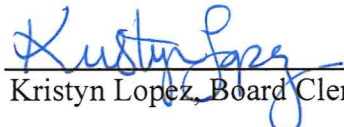
17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Zhu adjourned the meeting at 6:32 PM.

APPROVED



Robert Thomas, Board President



Kristyn Lopez, Board Clerk Secretary